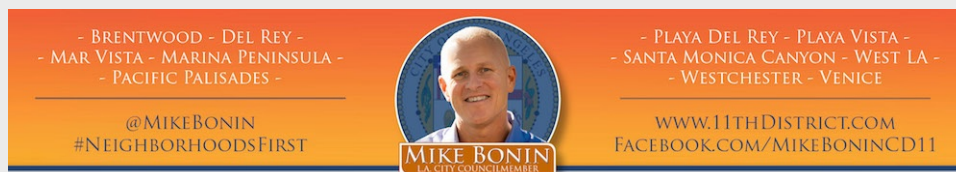


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# NEWSLETTER

## *Neighborhoods First*

**March 2017**

Welcome to the March issue of Mike Bonin's "Neighborhoods First Newsletter!"

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**IN THIS ISSUE:** CicLAvia comes back to the Westside, Mike celebrates opening day for local Little Leagues, and we remember Bill Rosendahl on the anniversary of his passing... **but first**, please read this month's Neighborhoods First Profile about an organization that needs your help to continue its crucial mission of feeding those in need.

You can find out more [about Mike](#), [meet your CD11 staff](#) and [see the latest videos](#) and updates from the Westside on our website at [www.11thdistrict.com](http://www.11thdistrict.com). And remember to [like Mike's Facebook page](#) to see the latest news about your neighborhood.



**Culver Palms Meals on Wheels - Feeding Those in Need**

Today in America, one in nine seniors - an astonishing 5 million people - is at risk of hunger. Right here in our own neighborhood there are hundreds of people who are not able to shop, cook and prepare meals either because of illness or age. Meals on Wheels has helped feed these neighbors in need for decades, and here on the Westside, we are very fortunate to have Culver Palms Meals on Wheels serving clients in our communities. While much of Culver Palms Meals on Wheels' funding comes through private donations, an important part of the funding comes from programs that are paid for by the Federal Government. With the new administration proposing to cut much of this funding, we asked Culver Palms Meals on Wheels Executive Director Pam Frieden a few questions about her organization and how we can help make sure it continues its important work.



**Culver Palms Meals On Wheels**  
*Serving nutritious meals to the homebound for over 40 years*



**Please tell us more about the work that Culver Palms Meals on Wheels does. What is your organization's mission?**

Culver Palms Meals on Wheels was created to provide nutritious meals at an affordable price to persons who are confined to their homes due to illness, accident, convalescence or age. These home delivered meals provide the means for our clients to live an autonomous, dignified life even when homebound.

**Who does Culver Palms Meals on Wheels serve? How many people have you served since being founded in 1974?**

Monday thru Friday our wonderful volunteers deliver a hot dinner and a cold snack to the door of seniors and others that are isolated, living alone and unable to shop or cook for themselves. Meals can be tailored to meet the needs of those requiring a special diet (i.e. low salt, diabetic, renal, or pureed) or who have allergies. While the vast majority of our clients are seniors (88%), we also serve younger people who live alone and because of serious illness or disability cannot prepare their own meals. Culver Palms Meals on Wheels has a policy of non-discrimination in all programs and services. No one shall be excluded on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, religion, age, marital status, veteran and military status, or disability.

Since we only began using computers in 2014, the number of clients served since 1974 is not readily available. What we can tell you is that generally we have around 80 to 100 clients at any one time, and since 2008 we have delivered close to (or more than) 20,000 meals each year.

**Who would your clients turn to if funding for the program is cut off?**

This question requires two responses. First with regard to where our clients would turn if Meals on Wheels were not an option, and second, a comment about the nature of our funding.

First, if Meals on Wheels were not available, many would suffer from malnutrition and depression and eventually end up in a care facility. Did you know that the cost of one year for an individual to receive Meals on Wheels is less than one day in the hospital? Helping those who can't care for themselves to stay healthy and remain at home, and out of care facilities when appropriate, saves billions in Medicare and Medicaid costs. It's a win-win for our families, our community and our nation.

Second, with regard to funding, since Culver Palms Meals on Wheels receives no direct government funding, we rely on the generosity of our community. While the majority of our clients pay a nominal fee for meals, we subsidize at least 30% of the cost of every meal served and often much more. Our volunteers help keep the cost low, and contributions from the community make up the difference. We cannot serve meals without the community's help.

### **How can people help support your great work?**

First and foremost, we ask our community to please consider making a donation to Culver Palms Meals on Wheels. We are a 501 C 3 organization and your donation is tax deductible. We serve a large area on the westside of Los Angeles from Pico Blvd. to LAX and from La Cienega Blvd. to the ocean delivering meals in the 11th district to those living in: Del Rey, Marina Del Rey, Mar Vista, Playa del Rey, Playa Vista, Venice, and Westchester.

Secondly, they can donate their time or services. It takes over 550 volunteer hours per month to deliver meals to the homebound. Our primary role for volunteers is delivering meals. For individuals, there are a number of volunteer opportunities including: delivering meals (either driving or serving as the person who takes the meal to the door), helping with social media postings, answering phones and providing clerical assistance or computer/technical expertise in the office. Volunteers can also help with fundraising event plans, or with marketing and brochure design.

Businesses could consider our Adopt-A-Route program or could allow us to use their copier facilities for producing donation appeal letters. Donating small gifts that can be given to clients or volunteers on special occasions is also very much appreciated by both.

Thirdly, refer our services. If you know of people who are alone, struggling and need assistance with meal preparation, tell them about this option, and if need be, help them get registered.

For more information on any of these options, we encourage people to contact our office by calling 310-559-0666.

*Find out more about Culver Palms Meals on Wheels at*  
<http://www.mealsonwheelsculverpalms.org>.





Neighbors on the Westside got a special treat on March 26, as the 20th CicLAvia came to the Westside. CicLAvia is a free, day-long event that turns major thoroughfares into open streets, free of automobile traffic, and on Sunday, March 26 neighbors got to explore a path from downtown Culver City, through Mar Vista and Del Rey, to Venice by foot, by bike, and by other forms of non-motorized transport. There was art, games, food trucks, and many, many opportunities to make new friends.

Thank you to everyone who made this CicLAvia - the 20th since LA started hosting car-free events in 2010 - a huge success!

#### Traffic Improvement on Sunset - Lane Restriping Completed



Mike's work to address traffic at one of the worst traffic chokepoints in Los Angeles - Sunset Boulevard in Brentwood - continued in March. Following through on a commitment he made to the community, Mike joined a crew from the Department of Transportation on March 10 to redraw lane markings for the lanes that allow people to access the 405 freeway from eastbound Sunset.

Previously, access to both the northbound and southbound 405 was in a single lane, which often caused backups down Sunset if (like usual) there was congestion on the freeway. Thanks to the lane restriping Mike helped complete last month, there is now an added lane dedicated to the northbound access ramp, which will help traffic move faster during typically congested times of the day.

This lane restriping is just one part of a massive undertaking Mike launched to help reduce traffic on Sunset Boulevard, and Mike is excited about continuing the work in the future.

#### New Trash Cans for Neighborhoods Throughout the Westside





Mike's efforts to keep our neighborhoods clean and as picturesque as the residents of the Westside deserve took a big step forward in March, as new trash cans were installed in neighborhoods throughout the Westside, including a number of locations in Westchester, West LA and Venice. New trash cans have been placed at:

- 8599 Hastings Ave
- 6781 W Manchester Ave
- 9299 S La Cienega Blvd
- 9397 S La Cienega Blvd
- 9499 S La Cienega Blvd
- 9519 S La Cienega Blvd
- 9599 S La Cienega Blvd
- 9699 S La Cienega Blvd
- 9729 S La Cienega Blvd
- 9799 S La Cienega Blvd
- 3799 Sawtelle Blvd
- 11299 Venice Blvd
- 11302 Stanwood Dr
- 2917 Sawtelle Blvd
- 11697 W Gateway Blvd
- 13151 W Mindanao Way
- 11688 Brookhaven Ave
- 11692 Washington Pl
- 601 Washington Blvd
- 3506 Pacific Ave

#### Tree Trimming in Pacific Palisades



Eucalyptus trees along Sunset Boulevard were trimmed in mid-March, fulfilling a commitment made to neighbors from Pacific Palisades who called to request some attention from the Urban Forestry Division of the Bureau of Street Services. The tree trimming improves the aesthetic of the commute for people in the Palisades, and also helps ensure healthy growth of the trees and reduces the

risk of falling branches causing safety issues on Sunset Boulevard.

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### Exposition Boulevard in West LA Repaved



Exposition Boulevard in West LA got some needed attention from the Bureau of Street Services last month, with a fresh coat of asphalt. The newly repaved street will give a smooth ride for neighbors, as well as those who park at the new Expo Line station at Exposition and Bundy.

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### New Park to Open on Wilshire



Wilshire Boulevard is getting a new park!

As part of an agreement reached by Mike, nearby neighbors in Brentwood and West LA, and the folks who are building a new office building at Wilshire and Granville, there will soon be a one-acre area of greenspace for the community to enjoy on Wilshire Boulevard. The new park, as well as the building next to it, is supported by the South Brentwood Residents Association, the Brentwood Homeowners Association, the Brentwood Community Council and the West LA Sawtelle Neighborhood Council. Mike is excited for the community to get a new place to enjoy the outdoors and looks forward to seeing the park constructed in the coming months.

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### Mar Vista Art Walk





Mar Vista's increasingly regular Art Walks are a great celebration of community and a fantastic time for friends and neighbors to discover something new about their neighborhood. Another terrific Mar Vista Art Walk was held on March 3, and Mike joined dozens of friends and neighbors at the event, where impressive creations were on display at storefronts along Venice Boulevard in downtown Mar Vista.

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#### Little League Opening Day in Del Rey

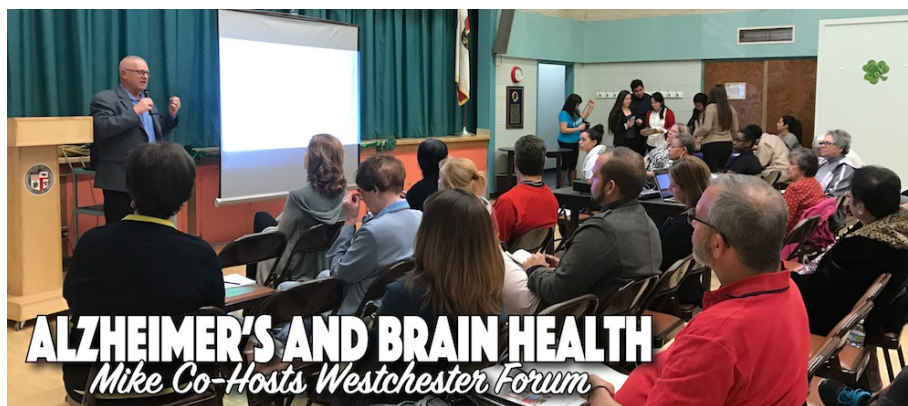


**CELEBRATING  
OPENING DAY**  
*Mike Joins Families in Del Rey to Kick Off  
the 2017 Culver Marina Little League Season*

Culver Marina Little League hosted opening day ceremonies on March 11, celebrating another year of giving kids an opportunity to learn about teamwork and the value of getting outdoor exercise. Mike was on hand for the community celebration, which was made even more special when Mike presented the league a check for \$2,500 to help cover the costs associated with getting the league's field renovated and ready for the upcoming season.

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#### Alzheimer's Association of Greater LA Event

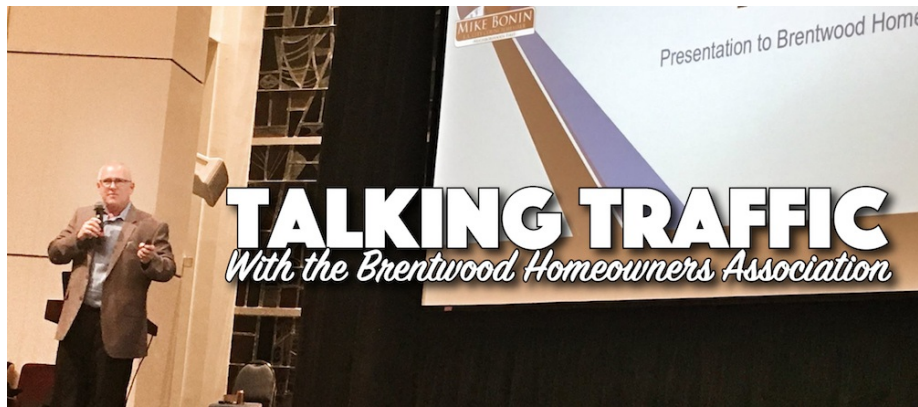


Mike joined with the Alzheimer's Association of Greater Los Angeles and the Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa on March 8 for a special community forum titled "Alzheimer's & Brain Health." The forum featured a resource fair with community partners and service providers, a trained Alzheimer's care counselor and a presentation by Dr. Edmond Teng, Co-Director, Katherine and Benjamin Kagan Alzheimer's Disease Treatment Dev. Program at the UCLA Easton Center for Alzheimer's Disease Research. The forum was an excellent opportunity for an important discussion about what we can do to keep our brains healthy, how to respond when a loved one begins to experience memory loss, and learn of resources available to caregivers.

For more information about the Alzheimer's Association of Greater Los Angeles and what resources are available to you and your neighbors, please visit <http://www.alzglm.org/>.

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#### Talking Traffic at the Brentwood Homeowners Association Annual Meeting



As he has done in past years, Mike joined the Brentwood Homeowners Association at the group's annual meeting to talk about important issues in the community. Mike focused his presentation to the group on the ongoing work he has launched to reduce traffic on Sunset Boulevard, and his continued efforts to get institutions along the corridor to commit to reducing the traffic they contribute to the gridlock.

#### Celebrating Nowruz in West LA



Mike hosted West LA Iranian-Americans for the 2nd Annual Festival of Fire at West LA Civic Center Bandshell and Plaza in March. The ancient tradition - where celebrants jump over a series of fires to warm and re-energize themselves for the new year on the eve of Nowruz - has endured for more than 3,700 years. Mike was proud to co-sponsor the event and wishes a happy new year to everyone celebrating Nowruz!

#### Playa Vista Spring Fair



Mike was excited to join neighbors in Playa Vista in March for the second annual Spring Fair! The Fair was hosted at Playa Vista's wonderful Concert Park, and featured food trucks, activity tables such as face painting and arts and crafts for children, music from a local DJ, a game area, and pet activities.

#### Rose Avenue Resurfaced in Venice





## *Repaving* **ROSE AVENUE**

Rose Avenue in Venice was repaved by the Bureau of Street Services in March, repairing potholes and making the street look like new. The repaving work was part of a series of street resurfacing work throughout the Westside in the past month, and it furthers Mike's commitment to get the basic services neighborhoods rely on delivered.

### **Rustic Canyon Grove Planting**



## *Neighbors Plant New Trees in* **RUSTIC CANYON** *Eucalyptus Grove*

Neighbors from Pacific Palisades came together on March 25 to plant new trees in the eucalyptus grove in Rustic Canyon, and to tend to landscaping needs in this cherished area where neighbors can connect with nature.

### **MySafeLA Fire Safety Walk in Westdale**



## *Firefighters Go Door-to-Door in Mar Vista for the* **MYSAFELA PROGRAM**

Smoke detectors save lives, and the Los Angeles Fire Department has a program called "MySafeLA," which helps make sure working smoke detectors are installed in homes throughout the city. The brave men and women of our fire department were out in force in the Westdale neighborhood of Mar Vista in March, going door-to-door to speak with people about the importance of working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, and to help neighbors check smoke alarm coverage and batteries. As part of the program, crews also replaced smoke alarms older than a decade.

For more info, visit <http://www.mysafela.org>.

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### Child Trafficking Forum in Westchester



Los Angeles is sadly one of the international capitals of human trafficking, an issue that tragically affects kidnapped children from around the globe. One of Westchester's most active local organizations, the Rotary Club District 5280, hosted a special community forum on March 4 to focus attention on this important topic and to break the issue out of the shadows. Mike spoke at the forum, thanking the organizers including Westchester-resident Cozette Vergari and committing to continue working to combat child trafficking by raising awareness and improving how our communities work toward the end of commercial exploitation of children.

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### Westchester Woman's Club Celebrates 75th Anniversary



The Westchester Woman's Club has been a pillar of philanthropy and community service since it was founded, shortly after the first homes were built in the community just north of LAX. The Club celebrated its 75th anniversary in March, and Mike's Westchester-area deputy, Anna Kozma attended the celebration on Mike's behalf to present the group a certificate marking the occasion. Congratulations to the members and neighbors who have made the Westchester Woman's Club an engaging and community-enriching organization for three-quarters of a century!

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### CERT Refresher Training in West LA





## C.E.R.T. TRAINING IN WEST LA

*Neighbors Go Through Refresher Course*

Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) were created to help neighbors become empowered to take action when an emergency strikes. CERT is designed to equip citizens with basic training to effectively serve as first-responders to disaster or emergency situations. Taught by experienced LA City Firefighters, CERT training includes earthquake preparedness, light firefighting, triage, first aid, light search and rescue, disaster psychology and team organization.

The Los Angeles Fire Department hosted a CERT refresher training at Fire Station 59 in March, helping neighbors in Mar Vista and other nearby neighborhoods brush up on the important things they have previously learned in their CERT trainings.

You can find out more about the program and sign up to attend future trainings in your neighborhood at: <http://www.cert-la.com/>.



### Thank You, Los Angeles! Measure H Approved



You stepped up, and lives and neighborhoods are going to be better because of it.

On March 7, in addition to voting on important issues like development, as well as on local representatives, residents of Los Angeles County approved Measure H - a sales tax increase that will help pay for the services homeless people need to get off the street for good. The Measure, which needed more than two-thirds support for approval, received nearly 70% of the vote. Measure H got over the difficult two-thirds threshold in part because neighborhoods of the Westside voted strongly in favor of the measure, and turned out in greater numbers than many other parts of the city and county.



A sincere thank you to those neighbors who voted on March 7 to help end the homelessness crisis on our streets!

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### Venice Community Housing Presents Community-Driven Vision for Dell/Pacific Lot



The permanent solution to homelessness absolutely must include building the housing people need to get off the street. Last year, Mayor Garcetti, the City Administrative Officer and Mike announced that the city would allow nonprofit housing developers to work with communities to prepare proposals for new housing at underused or vacant property owned by the city. For one of those sites, the parking lot in the median of Venice Boulevard, between Dell and Pacific Avenues, the city chose Venice Community Housing and Hollywood Community Housing (VCHC) to explore potential housing for the site.

After being selected to work with the community, VCHC began the initial phase of conducting public outreach, hosting more than 30 meetings and listening sessions in 40 days. VCHC then incorporated feedback from those listening sessions into a conceptual proposal for the site, which they presented to the community on March 9. The concept presented on March 9 does not include design or architectural specifics.

VCHC is now hosting another round of listening sessions to get feedback on the conceptual proposal. They will then incorporate feedback and prepare a design before submitting a formal proposal to the City.

Visit [www.vchcorp.org](http://www.vchcorp.org) to find out more about VCHC and visit <http://www.vchcorp.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/Venice-Dell-Pacific-Presentation-3-9-17.pdf> to learn about the ongoing work to prepare a community-driven proposal for the site.

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### Mike's Shelter Crisis Legislation Advances

**EXPANDING  
OPPORTUNITIES  
FOR HOMELESS  
SHELTERS**



We need every available opportunity to end the homelessness crisis on our streets, and last month, the City Council approved legislation Mike authored to give Los Angeles more tools to get people off the street quickly. The City Council voted recently to expand the rules on when a “shelter crisis” can be declared and what constitutes an emergency shelter. By a 13-0 vote, the Council approved an ordinance that removes previous limitations to creating shelter facilities for the homeless, including the rules that previously said that temporary shelters could only be used during nighttime hours and only operate for a total of 120 days during the winter months. The vote also broadens the definition of an emergency shelter and expands the criteria for which organizations can operate one.

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## **M**OVING FORWARD: TRANSPORTATION

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### Speak Up - Metro Seeks Public Input on Budget



Metro’s annual budget sets transportation priorities across LA County for the coming year. As Metro begins to put together its budget for 2018 fiscal year, the agency is seeking your input.

Thanks to a new interactive online tool, you can have your say about Metro’s financial planning and priorities! The interactive tool includes a short survey to guide our future budget, set the transportation priorities, allocate dollars, and provide feedback on Metro’s budget.

Please visit <https://www.metro.net/about/financebudget/> to find out more and to take the survey about Metro’s proposed budget.

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### Saving Lives Through Smart Infrastructure Investments



When voters approved Measure M last November, they voted for a convenient and safe transit system in Los Angeles that will reduce traffic by getting people

out of their cars. Now, Mike is fighting to make sure Measure M helps pay for street improvements that will save lives in our neighborhoods.

Part of the funds raised through Measure M (about 16 percent) is dedicated to "local return" to cities in Los Angeles county, which cities can use for local transportation projects and programs. With an estimated \$50 million per year in local return for the City of Los Angeles expected, Mike chaired a meeting of the City Council's Transportation Committee on March 29 to discuss how the city should spend the local return money. At the meeting, where dozens of neighbors testified about how dangerous many of LA's streets are, Mike urged his colleagues to advance his legislation, which would dedicate 60% of the local return funds to Vision Zero - LA's commitment to end traffic fatalities by 2025. Vision Zero seeks to eliminate traffic deaths by creating safer streets, and designing infrastructure to better protect pedestrians and bicyclists.

Mike's legislation was approved at the committee meeting, and the discussion will move to the Public Works Committee and then the Budget and Finance Committee, before being considered by the full City Council.

Find out more about Vision Zero at <http://visionzero.lacity.org/what-is-vision-zero-la/>, and for news coverage of the hearing, please check out the articles below from StreetsblogLA and Curbed Los Angeles.

<http://la.streetsblog.org/2017/03/29/victory-for-vision-zero-sidewalks-bikes-at-todays-transportation-committee/>

<http://la.curbed.com/2017/3/29/15113898/measure-m-vision-zero-pedestrian-bicyclist-safety-fatalities/>



#### Plan to Reduce Traffic Near LAX Approved by Planning Commission



Two of Mike's top priorities -- making it easier to get to and from LAX, and reducing traffic in neighborhoods around the airport -- just got a big boost!

On March 23, the Landside Access Modernization Program (LAMP) took an important step forward when the Board of Airport Commissioners (BOAC) and City Planning Commission (CPC) unanimously approved the project out of committee, sending it on to City Council for a full vote.

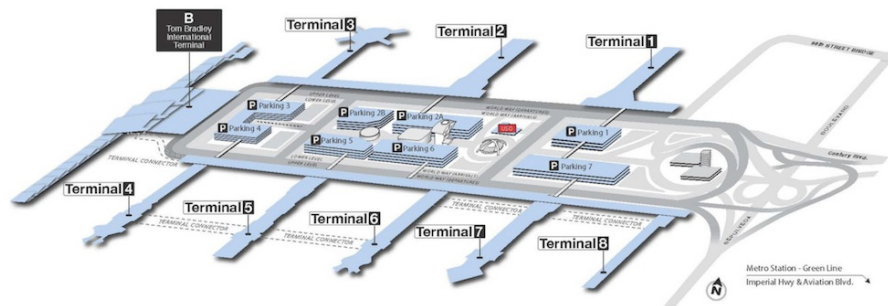
LAMP is an important step forward for improving the traveler experience at LAX



by creating a new automated people mover system that shuttles travelers and airport staff between the Central Terminal Area (CTA) and new light rail stations along the future LAX Crenshaw line currently under construction. The project promises to reduce congestion not just in the CTA, but in the surface level streets surrounding the airport by creating new regional transportation connections and reducing the need for private vehicles to drive to LAX. The LAX General Plan, the city planning document that sets forth a vision and framework for improvements in the area around the airport, was also approved. The LAX General Plan sets guidelines for a more inviting public space, streetscaping and helps guide future development and design standards for property owners in this important area for our region.

Broad support in the community helped drive positive outcomes for these projects. We thank the many stakeholders involved throughout this planning process who brought their constructive ideas and passion for improving their community to the many public meetings reflected in the LAX General Plan and the LAMP project.

### LAX Launches Airline Relocation



## AIRLINES MOVING GATES AT LAX

Over the course of 3 days in mid-May, gate changes will be coming to the Central Terminal Area (CTA) of LAX. In order to better service their customers and codeshare partners, Delta Airlines will be moving their gate operations from Terminals 5 and 6 to Terminals 2 and 3. This move will have no impact on the immediate surrounding community but promises to streamline travel for Delta customers and better rebalance traffic in the LAX CTA by moving operations of one of the three major US carriers out of terminals 5 & 6.

Delta conducted a detailed analysis of peak travel times and based on travel history, determined that Mother's Day weekend starting May 12th is a slower than average travel schedule to conduct such a move. Original timelines of several weeks including shifts for domestic and international carriers impacted by the move were brought into a 3 day window for Delta. The company is notifying customers of the move via travel advisories through its ticketing and app systems. Taxi and rideshare partners are also being notified. If you or family and friends will be traveling in and out of LAX around Mother's Day Weekend, be sure to double check your gate information before departing for the airport.

Delta's move kicks off one of the largest gate changes ever seen at a major U.S. Airport, and a total of 28 airlines will be affected by the realignment, which began in January when American Airlines swapped four gates in Terminal 6 for four gates held by Delta in Terminal 5. While schedules may shift, it is anticipated Qatar, Hainan and Copa operations will move to the Tom Bradley International Terminal (TBIT) as early as April, with Copa checking in at Terminal 3. You can

see other key changes as a result of the May 12-17 realignment at <http://www.lawa.org/newsContentbs.aspx?ID=2311>.

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# NEIGHBORHOODS FIRST PLANNING

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## Planning Reform in the Wake of the Measure S Defeat



Mike has made reforming the City's broken planning process a priority in his work as a Councilmember, and that work continued in early March, when Mike joined Mayor Garcetti and Councilmember José Huizar as the Mayor signed an executive directive that moves forward a series of planning reforms. Included in the Mayor's executive order were measures to accelerate the updating of community plans and to improve transparency and faith in our planning and development process.

Mike is committed to creating a planning process that encourages smart, transit-friendly development and he will continue working to reform the planning process so it better protects neighborhoods as we build the affordable and supportive housing we need to end and prevent homelessness.

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## Mansionization



On March 17, the city's new regulations to address concerns about the scale of single-family houses took effect. For the past two years, the Planning Department has been working closely with communities throughout the city to update the Citywide Baseline Mansionization and Baseline Hillside Ordinances (BMO and BHO), create new single-family zones that are better tailored to specific neighborhoods, and apply those new zones to several neighborhoods throughout the city that had been covered by an Interim Control Ordinance (ICO).

The amended BMO and BHO rules, which apply to single-family zoned property

throughout the city, include provisions to ensure that the size and scale of new construction is compatible with the surrounding area and to lessen the construction and grading impacts from the development of hillside properties. Information about the BMO and BHO, along with a copy of the amended ordinances, can be found in [Council File No. 14-0656](#).

The City Council also adopted several new single-family zones that offer more variety in the types of development regulations that apply in the city's varied single-family neighborhoods. Information about the new R1 Variation Zones can be found in [Council File No. 16-1460](#). The new R1 Variation Zones were applied to 19 neighborhoods throughout the City, most of which were covered by an ICO while the new single-family zones were being created. These neighborhoods included East Venice, Kentwood, Mar Vista, and Pacific Palisades. Information about the new zones, including maps showing the areas covered by the new zones, can be found in [Council File No. 16-1470](#).

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#### Transit Oriented Communities Program Outlined



Last November, more than 63% of voters in the City of Los Angeles voted "yes" on Measure JJJ, which requires any developer receiving a general plan amendment, zone change or other variance to 1) employ prevailing wage labor and 2) provide affordable housing through their projects or pay an in-lieu fee.

While the conversation about Measure JJJ focused primarily on zoning, the initiative also included a "Transit Oriented Communities Affordable Housing Incentive (TOC) Program", which grants exemptions from certain code restrictions in exchange for providing on-site affordable housing. The TOC Program applies only to transit-adjacent sites and requires high levels of on-site affordable housing.

Last month, the Los Angeles Department of City Planning published a memo, outlining specifics about the TOC Program. [You can read that memo here](#).

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#### Mike Moves to Reopen Survey LA Input in Venice





In 2005, the City of Los Angeles launched SurveyLA - a project to identify historic resources and neighborhoods as a way of recording information about the architectural, social, and cultural history of our city. This project was designed to provide a planning tool to identify historic resources, but when the Department of City Planning released the results, it became clear that the work had unintended consequences for many homeowners in Venice.

Although SurveyLA does not officially designate an area or a home as a historic resource, it identified 1,381 properties in the Lost Venice Canals, Milwood Walk Streets, North Venice Walk Streets, and Windward-Pacific districts as potentially historic resources. Because these areas are in the Coastal Zone, even basic remodeling or repair work done on one's home would require intensive environmental review. This was done without full notification of or participation by homeowners and members of the community. That lack of engagement is unacceptable, so Mike recently took action to instruct the Department of City Planning to go back and engage the community while conducting an intensive survey of the districts and individual historic resources in the Coastal Zone area of Venice identified in SurveyLA. Venice residents need an opportunity to learn about the SurveyLA process to advance the goal of protecting historic resources while providing for the rights of homeowners to use their property. The action Mike took ensures that there will be an extensive community engagement process that will allow affected property owners and community members to fully participate and weigh-in with their incredibly valuable input before ANY decisions affecting these properties are made.

For more information about SurveyLA, please visit <http://preservation.lacity.org/survey>.

#### Northside Community Meeting



One of the biggest achievements of Mike's first term was downsizing outdated plans for development north of LAX, and winning approval for the community's vision of more publicly accessible open space and neighborhood-serving retail. Now, it's time for LAX -- which owns the property -- to make that great stuff

happen.

On Thursday, April 13 LAX Community Relations will be holding a town hall to discuss the Northside Projects. Spanning from Pershing Drive in the west to Sepulveda Blvd in the east, the Northside Projects will include a variety of projects, from public safety-related investments, to commercial and open green space.

The Northside planning process has included approximately 50 community meetings and engagement with a wide variety of constituents in the Westchester and Playa del Rey Communities. Representatives will present on the current status of Prop O facilities to the west, Commercial projects in the center (also know as the bowtie) and the proposed Airport Police Facility to the east.

**WHEN:** Thursday, April 13, 2017

Doors open at 6pm

Presentation at 7pm

**WHERE:** Otis College - The Forum

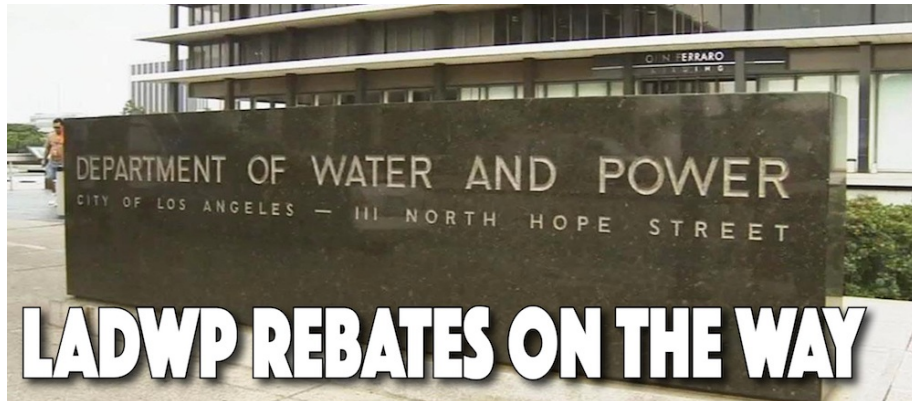
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For immediate questions, please contact Janine Ying or Jamie Gutierrez at: (424) 646-7450.



*Find Out More About the City Council's Work to Put Neighborhoods First*

#### **LADWP Rebates on the Way**



The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power began mailing letters last week to notify current and former customers of their status related to receiving a credit or refund, resulting from the pending class action settlement agreement over the flawed implementation of its billing system.

Throughout the last week, informational packages regarding the proposed settlement were mailed to the approximately 2.4 million customer accounts that may have experienced billing errors and were possibly overcharged during a three-year period from September 2013 to December 2016 or who may have been impacted from their participation in the LADWP's solar incentive program since February 13, 2010. The class action settlement payouts are pending final court approval of the agreement, which is scheduled to be heard in Los Angeles

Superior Court on July 7, 2017. Assuming no appeals, payments would begin being issued according to a schedule set by the court, which LADWP anticipates to begin in September.

Questions regarding the information packets or the pending class action settlement should be directed to the Claims Administrator. Visit [www.LADWPBillingSettlement.com](http://www.LADWPBillingSettlement.com) or call 844-899-6219.

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### **“Oil Bomb Train” Plans Scrapped by San Luis Obispo Planning Commission**



Back in 2015, Mike authored a resolution calling on the San Luis Obispo Planning Commission to reject plans by the Phillips 66 Company’s “Santa Maria Refinery Rail Spur” project. Though the project was proposed far outside of Mike’s jurisdiction as a Los Angeles City Councilmember, the rail spur extension would have allowed for a dramatic increase in the number of trains carrying crude oil that travelled through neighborhoods in Los Angeles. These trains are incredibly dangerous, and Mike’s legislation put Los Angeles on record as opposing plans to increase their frequency in LA.

Earlier this year, the San Luis Obispo Planning Commission rejected Phillips 66’s plans to expand rail operations at the refinery, and this month, the San Luis Obispo Board of Supervisors voted to reject the oil company’s appeal of the Planning Commission decision. The Supervisor’s vote is a major win for the environment, for public safety, and for the massive statewide coalition of concerned citizens who spoke out against the project. Mike was proud to be a part of the coalition and thanks the elected and appointed officials in San Luis Obispo for making the right choice for the health and safety of our neighborhoods.

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### **Supporting State Legislation to Protect Renters and Create Affordable Housing**



We need all levels of government to work together to address the affordable



housing crisis in Los Angeles. Mike was proud to author resolutions in March to support state legislation that will protect the rights of tenants and will give local jurisdictions more flexibility in governing affordable housing needs in their communities.

Assembly Bill 1506, authored by Assemblymember Richard Bloom, will repeal the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act, which will give cities more flexibility in how we govern the affordable housing needs of our communities.

Assembly Bill 982, authored by Assemblymembers Bloom and David Chiu, would require landlords to give a one year notice to all tenants of buildings undergoing Ellis Act removal before they can be evicted.

Both of these bills are supported by State Senator Ben Allen, who will push companion legislation in the upper house of the State Legislature, and both bills are part of an important effort to better protect the rights of renters and to allow local governments to create more affordable housing. Mike's resolutions will allow the City of Los Angeles should aggressively support both bill's approval in Sacramento.

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#### **Divest LA - Holding Big Banks Accountable**



In 2012, the City of Los Angeles approved a "Responsible Banking Ordinance" - a measure to require that the city factor in how big banks treat their customers in LA neighborhoods, and how banks engage with communities, as the City decides which banks will receive the city's substantial business. Now, Mike and his colleagues Paul Koretz and Mitch O'Farrell are asking the City to expand the Responsible Banking Ordinance to also look at how banks invest in destructive practices, such as the controversial Dakota Access Pipeline Project. Wells Fargo benefits tremendously from doing business with the City, and Mike and his colleagues are hoping to use the influence of the city's significant banking needs to encourage Wells Fargo to stop supporting projects that harm the environment. The move comes on the heels of a divestment action in Seattle, Washington, which parted ways with Wells Fargo because of the bank's financial support for the Dakota Access Pipeline Project.



#### **March Small Business Spotlights**

*Local small businesses provide more than jobs for people on the Westside - they*

are part of what make neighborhoods great. Each week, Mike chooses a local Mom and Pop business to feature on social media in his "[Small Business Spotlight](#)."

#### **International Florist, Westchester**



This Westchester-based florist has been serving the West Los Angeles area for more than three decades, and they specialize in deliveries to Los Angeles International Airport.

International Florist was lauded by the happy customers who nominated the business to be recognized in the Spotlight, with satisfied patrons writing in about the quality and dependability offered by the friendly staff. One neighbor wrote in their nomination: "I have used them for several years and they have never let me down. A very personal touch."

International Florist can be found in the Westchester Triangle, at 8635 Truxton Ave, and you can find out more online at [www.lainternationalflorist.net](http://www.lainternationalflorist.net).

#### **The Mar Vista, Mar Vista**



One of LA's best new restaurants, The Mar Vista is a "chef-driven, food-first experience with farm-to-table ingredients, rare-label wines and an eclectic lineup of live music." This great addition to the "Great Street" corridor in downtown Mar Vista is already a local favorite, and neighbors rave about the exceptional cuisine, great service and convenient location.

Check out The Mar Vista at 12249 Venice Boulevard or find out more online at [www.themarvista.com](http://www.themarvista.com).



### **Lenzini's Pizza, Del Rey**

A graphic for Lenzini's Pizza, Del Rey. On the left, a blue box contains a portrait of Mike Bonin, a City Council Member, and the text "SMALL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT" in large, stylized letters. Below this, it says "CREATING JOBS, BUILDING COMMUNITIES AND PUTTING NEIGHBORHOODS FIRST". To the right, a photograph shows the exterior of the restaurant with a sign that says "Del Rey", "LENZINI'S PIZZA", and "Two 4 One 821-4-241". Below the sign are two images of pizzas: one with various toppings and another with a tomato and pepperoni topping. At the bottom right, the address and phone number are listed: "12740 Culver Blvd, Suite B, 90066 / (310) 305-0305 / lenzinis.com".

**Del Rey**

**LENZINI'S PIZZA**  
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**SMALL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT**

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You know a pizza place is special when customers rave about both the gluten-free pizza and the New York-style pie. Lenzini's makes their special sauce and pizza dough fresh daily from their own secret recipe. and they use 100% Real California Cheese, garden fresh produce and the highest quality meats to top their pizzas.

Check out Lenzini's online at [lenzinis.com](http://lenzinis.com), call the restaurant at (310) 305-0305 or stop by the Del Rey location at 12740 Culver Blvd and enjoy a great pizza tonight!

### **Velocity Sports, Brentwood**

A graphic for Velocity Sports Performance. On the left, a blue box contains a portrait of Mike Bonin, a City Council Member, and the text "SMALL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT" in large, stylized letters. Below this, it says "CREATING JOBS, BUILDING COMMUNITIES AND PUTTING NEIGHBORHOODS FIRST". To the right, a photograph shows the interior of the gym with various exercise equipment. Below the photo, there are three smaller images: a person using a rowing machine, a person performing a squat, and a person performing a deadlift. At the bottom right, the address and phone number are listed: "11611 San Vicente Blvd, Brentwood, CA 90049".

**Velocity Sports Performance**  
11611 San Vicente Blvd, Brentwood, CA 90049

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Velocity is a fully-equipped, state-of-the-art fitness gym and sports performance training facility in Brentwood. The gym boasts some impressive clientele, including olympians, professional athletes, performers and models.

Velocity is an atmosphere of inspiration, a place where clients come first, to be trained and to achieve more. No matter the goal or the need, age, ability level, sport or fitness dream, Velocity's experienced and professional trainers focus on their clients and offer terrific guidance.

Check out Velocity online at <http://velocitysportsclub.com/> or visit the gym in person at 11611 San Vicente Blvd in Brentwood.

### **BookArtsLA, Mar Vista**





This Mar Vista-based non-profit is devoted to bringing the beauty of printing, binding and collecting all types of handmade books to the public. BookArtsLA's 1,600-square foot space on Washington Place at McLaughlin houses letterpresses, a bindery and workspace for up to 20 students.

BookArtsLA offers classes in book binding, hand printing, paper making, paper marbling and paste paper making for beginners to professionals. They also sell wonderful creations on their website, which you can check out at <https://bookartsla.org>.

**[Do you have a favorite business you want to nominate to be featured in Mike's Small Business Spotlight? You can make a nomination for the "Small Business Spotlight" at this link.](#)**

*Mike Bonin's Neighborhoods First Newsletter*

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

*Find out about just some of the events happening in your neighborhood in the next month!*

- **Mar Vista Family Center Annual Literacy Fair**
  - 4/1/2017; 9am
  - 5075 S. Slauson Ave, Culver City, 90230
- **Friends of Ballona Migration Celebration**
  - 4/1/2017; 9am
  - 13110 Bluff Creek Drive, 90094
- **7th Annual Poker Tournament | Boys & Girls Club of Venice**
  - 4/2/2017; 12pm
  - Microsoft, 13031 W. Jefferson Blvd., #200
- **Westchester Farmers Market Easter Celebration**
  - 4/9/2017; 10am
  - Westchester Triangle, 6200 W. 87th Street
- **Ocean Charter School Beach Clean Up**
  - 4/13/2017; 9am
  - Dockweiler Beach
- **Spring Egg Hunt - Brentwood**
  - 4/15/2017; 11am
  - Barrington Recreation Center, 333 S. Barrington Ave., 90049
- **Spring Egg Hunt - Westchester**

- 4/15/2017; 10am
- Westchester Recreation Center, 7000 W. Manchester Ave., 90045
- **Spring Egg Hunt - Venice**
  - 4/15/2017; 10am
  - Oakwood Recreation Center, 767 California Ave., 90291
- **Spring Egg Hunt - Venice**
  - 4/15/2017; 10am
  - Penmar Recreation Center, 1341 Lake St., 90291
- **Spring Egg Hunt - Mar Vista**
  - 4/15/2017; 10am
  - Mar Vista Recreation Center, 11430 Woodbine Ave., 90066
- **Spring Festival - Pacific Palisades**
  - 4/15/2017; 11am
  - Rustic Canyon Recreation Center, 601 Latimer Rd., Santa Monica 90402
- **Spring Egg-Stravaganza - West LA**
  - 4/15/2017; 10am
  - Stoner Recreation Center, 1835 Stoner Ave, 90025
- **West Los Angeles Community Egg Hunt**
  - 4/15/2017; 10am
  - Stoner Recreation Center, 1835 Stoner Ave, 90025
- **#HackFosterCareLA | hackfostercare.org**
  - 4/28 & 29/2017
  - Playa Vista Campus
- **Badge of Heart 3rd Annual Car Show**
  - 4/30/2017; 10am
  - Ahmanson Recruit Training Center, 5651 W. Manchester Ave, 90045
- **BookArtsLA - Poetry + Press: A Celebration of National Poetry Month**
  - 4/30/2017; 1pm - 4pm
  - 11720 Washington Place, L.A.

Have an event you would like listed? Email [updates@11thdistrict.com](mailto:updates@11thdistrict.com) to submit events.



Thank you, Neighbors!

**THANK YOU!**



*Watch Mike's Campaign Thank You Message*

On March 7, Mike was resoundingly re-elected to the City Council, earning 71% of the vote against two challengers and winning 119 of 120 precincts throughout the Westside. Check out Mike's thank you message and video at <https://youtu.be/lcJIPS0UXI8>.

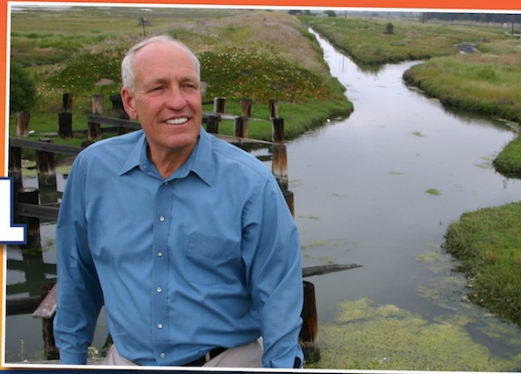
# BEFORE YOU GO...

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*Remembering*

**BILL  
ROSENDAHL**

*One Year Later*



One year ago yesterday, we lost someone whose warmth, spirit and dedication to public service made the Westside a better place. Bill Rosendahl was a mentor and friend of Mike's and he was a fierce advocate for the neighborhoods of the Westside in his time serving the people of the 11th District. One year since he passed, we continue the work Bill began to, as he says in the video at the link below, "Love yourself, love your neighbor as yourself, and don't judge."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eIHPfBc68xs>

We miss you, Bill.

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***Thank you for reading the March issue of Mike Bonin's Neighborhoods First Newsletter.***

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